COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Thursday, *the* *8th of August 1929.* / *24th of Karkadagam 1105.*

The House met at Halfpast Eleven of the Clock with the President in the Chair. Messrs. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar, E. Ikkanda Warriar, S. S. Koder and Ouseph P. Kundukulam were absent.

Questions and Answers.

Boy Scouting.

271. Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—Will the Government be pleased to state when Boy Scouting was introduced into our State?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—In March 1923.

272. Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) how many Scout Masters are there in the State;
(b) how many of them run troops;
(c) the names of existing troops;
(d) the number of Scouts in each troop; and
(e) the number of recruits?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) Seventy-nine.
(b) Fifty-six.
(c), (d) and (e) Vide list appended. (*Appendix I.*)

273. Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—Will the Government be pleased to say:—

(a) what amount Government spent in taking Scouts to Trippunittura (each year's amount to be shown separately);
(b) whether any allowance was given to Scout Masters or Scouts in that connection;
(c) whether any presents were given to the Scouts by His Highness the Maharaja (each year's amount to be shown separately); and
(d) if so, how were they distributed among the Scouts?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) No amount was spent by Government.
(b) Yes.
(c) Yes. No account of the amount is kept as it is only 'Attachamayam Puthen', gift of His Highness the Maharaja to the Scouts and Scouters who participated in the ceremony.

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(d) They were distributed equally among the Scouts and Scouters who took part in the ceremony.

274. Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—Will the Gevernment be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the troops were subsidised before;

(b) the principle on which it was done;

(c) the amounts given to individual troops?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) Question not clear.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) In 1104, each troop was given Rs. 10. Before that, Local Associations were paid and they spent the amount as it seemed befitting to them.

275. Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—Will the Government be pleased to say:—

(a) what amount was spent on the building and the premises of the Scout head-quarters till 1104;

(b) when the head-quarters were formally opened;

(c) by whom it was done;

(d) whether His Highness the Maharaja was present on the occasion;

(e) whether His Highness announced any donation to the Scout Movement;

(f) the amount He was graciously pleased to offer;

(g) how the amount was utilised after realisation?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Rs. 26,266-0-8.

(b) On 3rd October, 1926.

(c) By His Highness the Maharaja, the Chief Scout.

(d) Vide answer to (c).

(e) Yes.

(f) Rs. 200.

(g) Distributed among the troops.

276. Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—Will the Government be pleased to say:—

(a) when the present organising officer of the Scouts was appointed;

(b) his qualification;

(c) his pay and travelling allowance for the last three years?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) On 1st July 1925 (14th Mithunam 1101).

(b) 1st Class graduate of the National University with experience of Scouting.

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(c) Pay Rs. 60 per month.

T. A. for	1101	Rs.	21—13—0
,,	1102	,,	313— 4—0
,,	1103	,,	273—12—0
,,	1104 (1st 8 months)	,,	200— 0—0

277. Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—Will the Government be pleased to say:—

(a) whether our Scouts were sent for Madras and Bombay Jamboorees;

(b) how many Scouts and Scout Masters were sent each time;

(c) the principle on which they are selected;

(d) the amount spent for them each time?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) Yes.

(b) Fifty-two Scouts and twenty Scout Masters to Madras and 15 and 7 respectively to Bombay.

(c) Those who wished to attend the Madras Jambooree, meeting all the expenses except railway fare, were permitted to go.

For the Bombay Jambooree only very few came forward and they were all taken.

(d) For Madras Rs. 165—4—0 and for Bombay Rs. 110.

278. Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether 'Our Little Friend,' a Scout Organ, was receiving grant from the Government;

(b) how long was it given;

(c) what was the amount of the grant;

(d) on what conditions was it given to the said organ;

(e) whether the editor did not fulfil these conditions; and if not,

(f) what action was taken against the editor?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) Not from Government. The Boy Scout Association was giving a grant.

(b) For one year.

(c) Rs. 100 in two instalments of Rs. 50 each.

(d) The magazine to give all facilities for the publication of Scout news, the Scout Head-quarters recognising the same as the medium of publication of all official news, notices, circulars, etc., and the conductors of the magazine to take in at least 2 Scouters of the State to the Editorial Board being nominated by the Honorary Secretary in consultation with the State Commissioner.

(e) Yes.

(f) Does not arise.

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279. Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.— Will the Government be pleased to say:—

(a) whether there are local associations of Scouts;

(b) whether they are really functioning;

(c) whether the Scout Masters have any place in those local organisations?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(a), (b) and (c) Yes.

280. Mr K. Mohamed Seethi.— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they are agreeable to the idea of calling together a Scouters' Conference to which the general public also may be invited with a view to find out whether scouting can be improved in our State; and if so,

(b) whether they will take any steps for the same; and

(c) when?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) The movement has been so long before the public that Government do not see the necessity for it. If there is one thing that the Government and the Association have to complain, it is the apathy of the public in certain places. The public are welcome to convene meetings and send up practical suggestions.

(b) Vide answer to (a).

(c) Does not arise.

281. Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—Will the Government kindly say:—

(a) whether they intend running a Scout camp in the State; and if so,

(b) when; and,

(c) where;

(d) the necessity for it at present when those in the field cannot find time for work?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) Yes.

(b) Probably in Kanni 1105.

(c) At Trichur-Ollukkara Farm.

(d) New centres are being opened and those at the old centres require relief.

282. Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—Will the Government be pleased to say:—

(a) how many troops have been registered till now;

(b) how many ceased to exist; and

(c) how many were cancelled?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—

(a) Fifty-one.

(b) Five.

(c) None.

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283. Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—Will the Government kindly say:—

(a) how many warranted Scout Masters there are now ;
(b) whether any warrants were actually issued till now ;
(c) whether they were cancelled ; and if so,
(d) whose; and
(e) why?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—

(a) None.
(b) No.
(c), (d) and (e) Do not arise.

284. Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—Will the Government be pleased to say:—

(a) how many tender foot, 2nd class and 1st class troops are there at present ;
(b) how many proficiency badges were given till now ;
(c) to whom; and
(d) on what grounds?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—

(a) Not clear.
(b) None.
(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Rural Re-construction Committee.

285. Mr. A. B. Salem.—(1) Will the Government be pleased to state the date on which they received the resolutions of this Council regarding the appointment of a Rural Re-construction Committee;

(2) will they be further pleased to state at what stage of consideration the matter is at present ;

(3) will the Government be pleased to state what amounts were realised by the sale products from the Ollukkara Farm and Vyttila Cocoanut Station ;

(4) and will they also be pleased to state the amount of money spent on these stations for maintaining them for carrying on operations in them including the pay of the staffs attached to them in the year 1104 ;

(5) what action has been taken by the Government with reference to the starting of model Farms in the various taluks of the State in the year 1104?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(1) 14th August 1928.

(2) The resolution was accepted by the Government. A report about the terms of reference and other details in regard to the working of the Committee was called for and has been submitted by the Superintendent of Agriculture and Panchayats

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APPENDIX I.

(*Vide answer to question No. 272*).

List showing the names of existing Troops and the number of Scouts and Recruits in each Troop.

No.	Centre		Names of Troops	No. of Scouts	Recruits
1	Chalakkudi	1	Rama Varma	12	8
2	Chennamangalam	2	Jayanda	15	...
3	Cherai	3	The Cherai Troop	12	11
4	Cheruthuruthi	4	The Cheruthuruthi Troop	3	12
5	Chittur	5	Sree Krishna	10	8
		6	Vivekananda	4	13
		7	Arjuna	3	13
		8	Rama Varma Cub Pack	...	32
6	Cranganur	9	Cranganur 1st Troop	16	...
		10	do 2nd do	15	...
7	Ernakulam	11	Prahada do	16	2
		12	Arjuna do	14	..
		13	Flame do	18	..
		14	Asoka Scout do	10	7
		15	Sivaji do	13	..
		16	Akbar do	12	..
8	Irinjalakkuda	17	Vivekananda do	...	17
		18	Arjuna do	...	17
		19	Napoleon do	...	17
9	Kandassankadavu	20	Ananda do	16	4
10	Karuthedom	21	St. George's do	26	..
11	Mattancheri	22	Sree Sankara do	17	1
		23	Sree Madhwa do	13	7
		24	Little Flower Rovers	14	2
12	Mulanthuruthi	25	Udayabhanu Troop	15	20
13	Narakkal	26	Narakkal do	18	18
14	Nalleppalli	27	Sivaji do	19	5
15	Nenmara	28	Sree Krishna do	18	...
		29	Maharatta do	28	..
16	Pallivirutti	30	St. Sebastian's 1st do	22	..
		31	do 2nd do	28	..
		32	do Band do	21	..
17	Thiruvilluamala	33	Sree Rama do	18	..
		34	Sree Lakshmana do	18	....
18	Thykkudam	35	St. Raphael do	15	5
19	Trichur	36	C. M. S. do	...	15
		37	St. Thomas' College High School Troop	24	...
		38	Sivaj do	18	..
		39	Training School Scout Troop	17	..
		40	do Rover do	34	..
		41	Asoka do	13	...

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No.	Centre	Names of Troops		No. of Scouts	Recruits
20	Trippunittura	42 Maruthi	Troop	20	4
		43 Trippi Rover	do	21	...
		44 Princes' School	do	18	5
		45 Rama Varma	do	20	10
21	adakkancheri	46 The Lion	do	12	8

APPENDIX II.

(*Vide answer to question No. 286.*)

List of roads through which the Diwan travelled.

1. The State roads in the journey from Ernakulam to Irinjalakuda, via, Kaladi.
2. Irinjalakkuda to Kattur.
3. Irinjalakkuda to Kakkathurutti.
4. Irinjalakkuda to Mala and thence to Valiaparamba.
5. Irinjalakkuda to Karupadanna.
6. Irinjalakkuda to Areepalam.
7. Irinjalakkuda to Ollukara.
8. Trichur to Kadanthode via Mullurkayal causeway.

The condition of the roads was more or less in a fairly satisfactory condition except portions here and there which were found cut up. On the Mala side, the road was not fit for motor car travel and the Diwan had to walk some distance.

List of roads through which the Chief Engineer travelled in June 1929.

No.	*Names of roads.*	*Remarks.*
1.	Hill Palace	Fair
2.	Chalakkudi road	do
3.	Kunnamkulam road as far as Keecheri	do
4.	Shoranur and Pazhayannur roads en-route Chittur	Shoranur road in good condition.
5.	Nurni-Mungilmada road	Fair
6.	Nadupunni road	do
7.	Mungilmada road	do
8.	Bandithavalam road	do
9.	Vitnasseri road	do
10.	Vaniampara road	do
		The portion of the road up to Ollukkara Farm is very badly cut up. (Since repaired).
11.	Karupadanna road	Fair.
12.	Thommana road	do
13.	Cherusseri road	do

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